

Kiwanis To Hear Conservation Officer Tell of California

Members of the Torrance Kiwanis Club will hear an authoritative discussion of "Fishing and Hunting in California" at their regular meeting this evening at the American Legion clubhouse, 1109 Border Ave. Speaker for the evening will be Ward Gillian, representing the State Department of Conservation. President By Scotton will preside.

LIANS CLUB: The rising incidence of polio has suggested the program for the Torrance Lions Club tomorrow at 12:15 p.m. in the Alan-Richard Hall. Dr. Don Moskos is arranging a program in which an authority will present a report on polio and explain the procedure followed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in its work with polio. The foundation is supported through March of Dimes funds. Lions Club President Warren Hamilton will

OPTIMIST CLUB: Members of the Torrance Optimist Club have scheduled an outdoor meeting for this evening. The club will meet at the home of Reid Bundy, 1121 Patronella, where dinner will be prepared over the glowing coals of the barbecue. Club President C. A. Woodcock explains the outdoor meeting as "a summer revolt against the dining room." Regular meetings at the Ding How Cafe will be resumed Aug. 30.

ROTARY CLUB: Program Chairman Bob Tolson was waiting confirmation today of a program which he said would be as good as last week's meeting with Radio and TV announcer Bill Welsh. President John Ebbinghouse will preside at the meeting Thursday evening, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

Elks Started as Group of Actors

(This is the first in a series of articles about the history of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. The first article covers some of the early history of the organization.)

The name "Elks" was first heard on Feb. 16, 1868, when a group of 15 actors who had formerly called themselves the "Jolly Corks" met to form a new fraternal order. "The Jolly Corks" had been formed under the leadership of Charles A. S. Vivian, an English actor who had come to America in 1867.

The original name came from a trick Vivian showed a group of friends, in which the last part in the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Emgracia

son to pick up his cork from the table had to pay for refreshments. The group began to meet Sunday evenings in a New York boarding house.

Elks Adopted as Name
In early 1868, the group decided to reorganize along fraternal lines, and adopted the name "Elk" by an 87 vote. Vivian and some others wanted to call the group "buffaloes" after an English organization of which they were members.

CIVILIAN CLUB: Another surprise talk by one of the club's members has been set up for Thursday evening when the club meets at the Ding How Cafe. Several members of the club have given talks on their profession lately, and one more is scheduled for this week. President Bob Owens will call the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

early days to whether or not he really founded the organization. Some of his supporters were later reinstated.

After Vivian separated from the organization George W. Thompson was chosen Right Honorable Primo, and later Exalted Grand Ruler, when the title was changed. Shortly after the organization was born, George McDonald suggested the "Eleven O'Clock Toast" to absent brothers, which is still used today.

Departed Ones Toasted
This followed a custom of closing the meetings with a toast to Elks who could not be present at the meeting. Whenever Elks meeting last to 11 p.m., the order of business is suspended while the Exalted Ruler recites the prescribed ritual, concluding with the words, "to our absent brothers." The members then sing "Auld Lang Syne."

the order. Revisions were made in 1874, 1875, 1884, 1890, 1892, 1893, 1895, 1898, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1911, and 1914.

In later years, revisions were made, but the pattern for the organization seemed set. At the present time, a ritualistic committee of five handles matters pertaining to the ritual.

Order Expands
By 1878, ten lodges, with 820 members, had been founded in San Francisco, Chicago, Cincinnati, Sacramento, Baltimore, Louisville, St. Louis, Boston, and Pittsburgh.

3 in Area Get Polio

Twenty-four cases of various diseases, including three cases of polio, were reported in the Torrance health district during the week ending Aug. 14, according to the Los Angeles County Health Department.

Two cases of polio were reported in Manhattan Beach, and one in county areas. Torrance had three cases of mumps, two of measles, and one each of chickenpox and whooping cough. One case of mumps was reported in the rest of the area as a whole, along with five

cases of whooping cough, four of measles, and one each of food poisoning, gonorrhoea, syphilis, and German measles.

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